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SUBJECT: REPORTED USG SALES OF BISMUTH, ANTIMONY AND SILVER

1. LA PAZ NEWSPAPER PRESENCIA OF MARCH 15 CARRIES FRONT PAGE FEATURE ARTICLE REPORTING SUBJECT SALES. THE REPORT IS BASED ON AN ARTICLE IN "METAL BULLETIN." ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE THE GSA WILL SELL THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES OF METALS IN 1978 AND 1979: 2,500 SHORT TONS OF ANTIMONY, 500,000 POUNDS OF BISMUTH AND 52.5 MILLION TROY OUNCES OF SILVER.

2. PRESENCIA REPORTED THE NEGATIVE REACTIONS OF THE MINING SECTOR WHICH CENTERED ON THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF BISMUTH AND ANTIMONY MINES HAD ALREADY CLOSED DUE TO LOW INTERNATIONAL PRICE QUOTATIONS. THE ARTICLE FEARED EVEN MORE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE MINING INDUSTRY IF THE GSA SOLD EXCESS STOCKS OF THESE MINERALS.

3. IN VIEW OF THE VERY LOW PRICE QUOTATIONS ON THE INTERATIONAL MARKETS THE EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT GSA PLANS TO SELL ANTIMONY AND BISMUTH HOWEVER WE WOULD APPREICATED MORE DETAILED AND OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON GSA SALES PROGRAMS IN THESE AREAS.
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